

Applicants respectfully traverse this objection, and courteously ask that it be withdrawn as well.

Applicants have amended the specification herein to correct the typographical error noted by the Examiner, and to place the paragraph containing the typographical error in still better form.

Claim 1 was then rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,915,250 to Jain et al. Applicants courteously traverse this rejection, and ask for its reconsideration. Claim 1 recites means for creating a single extension plug-in to interface with API's of a plurality of different applications, and means for creating a floating pallet for a digital asset management system in one of the different applications wherein it uses the properties and behaviors of the selected application. These features are not taught or suggested by the Jain et al. patent.

As discussed in the specification from, e.g., page 1, line 16 to page 2, line 2, a problem with conventional digital asset management applications is that they cannot be used concurrently with another application. That is, in order retrieve a digital asset for use with an application, the user must leave that application to employ the digital asset management system application. The claimed invention advantageously provides a plug-in interface that works with a variety of applications. More particularly, the plug-in interfaces with a plurality of applications, so that a floating pallet for the digital asset management can be employed in any of the applications.

These features are not taught or suggested by the Jain et al. patent. Instead, the Jain et al. patent discloses a digital asset management application that can employ plug-in modules to enhance the operation of the digital asset management application itself. That is, the digital asset management application of the Jain et al. patent can employs plug-in modules to enhance its own operation, not to interface with other applications. Further, while the Jain et al. patent discloses

the use of a pallet window, it teaches that the pallet window is employed with the digital asset management application, not with other applications. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the Jain et al. patent does not teach or suggest the invention as recited in claim. It is therefore requested that the rejection of claim 1 over the Jain et al. patent be withdrawn.

Lastly, claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over the Jain et al. patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,332,146 to Jebens et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection as well, and courteously requests its reconsideration. As described in detail above, the Jain et al. does not teach or suggest the features of the invention recited in claims 1 and 2. Applicants respectfully submit that the Jebens et al. does not remedy these omissions of the Jain et al. patent.

Accordingly, no combination of the Jain et al. and Jebens et al. would teach or suggest the invention recited in claim 2. Applicants therefore ask that the rejection of claim 2 be withdrawn.

It is respectfully believed that no fees are due for the entry and consideration of this Amendment. If the Commissioner deems that fees are necessary for the entry and consideration of this Amendment, or for any other reason under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and §1.17, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to the deposit account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims are allowable, and that this application is therefore in condition for allowance.

Favorable action in this regard is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKING TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Three sheets of drawings (Figures 1, 3, and 8) with proposed changes marked thereon in red ink have been concurrently submitted with a separate paper. The Examiner's approval of these proposed drawing changes is respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph on page 13, from lines 15-20, has been amended as follows:

Figure 8 is a detailed block diagram showing the internal construction of computer system 701. As shown in Figure 8, the computer system 701 comprises a central processing unit CPU 712 [which] that interfaces with a computer bus 714. Also interfacing with the computer bus 714 [s] is a scanner interface 715, a printer interface 716, a network interface 717, a facsimile/modem interface 719, a display interface [729] 720, a main random access memory RAM 721, a disk 706, a keyboard interface 722 and a mouse interface 724.